

STAT

Approved For Release 2006/09/25 : CIA-RDP75B00380R000100050123-4

OLC 73-0211

9 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Meeting with Chairman Mahon,
House Appropriations Committee

1. I accompanied the Director on a courtesy call to Chairman Mahon. Mr. Mahon was particularly interested in Arab terrorism about which he and the Director chatted for some minutes.
2. Turning to the intelligence community, the Director outlined his plans and concepts for readjustments within the community and the Agency. Mr. Mahon spoke of his high regard for Mr. Helms' outstanding objectivity and independence and remarked that Mr. Schlesinger's main challenge would be to preserve these qualities.
3. Mr. Mahon deplored the general disarray and lack of discipline and leadership in the Congress, some of which he attributed to the inaccessibility of the White House and lack of communication between the Republican leadership there and the Republicans in Congress.
4. We raised with Mr. Mahon the possibility, as suggested by Senator Stennis and Mr. Woodruff, of publicly identifying in the DOD budget the gross figure of the intelligence community. Mr. Mahon said he had no strong views on the matter but was inclined to be against it. It was understood that this matter would be discussed at a future date.

STAT

STAT

5. I told Mr. Mahon that we would be glad to talk to him at his convenience regarding his request that we try to find a qualified secretary in the Agency for his office. He said he would call me about this in the near future.

25X1

✓ JOHN M. MAURY
Legislative Counsel

Distribution:

Original - Committee file

1 - DDCI

1 - Mr. Colby

1 - OLC Chrono